company not incorporated in India), it may be regarded as a foreign trade mark. In this case, because of the conditions attached, the question is whether there is a valid assignment On this question, proceedings are pending before the Registrar of Trade Marks.

(c) Under Section 36 of the Trade & Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, the registered proprietor of a trade mark has powers to assign his trade mark. The law relating to assignment of trade marks is contained in Section 36 to 44 of the T&MM Act. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to review these provisions.

Action against M/s. Nariman Point Building Services and Trading Private Limited

1256. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1496 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government against Nariman Point Building Services and Trading Private Limited and a partnership firm known as Traders and Services who did not file the requisite declaration with the company in the prescribed form as required under Section 187(c)(i) and (2) of the Companies Act during the year 1981;

(b) whether the holding company itself filed the prescribed form with the Registrar of Companies as required by Sub-section (4) of Section 187C of the Companies Act; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Prosecution under Section 187C of the Companies Act, 1956 for non-filing of the declarations in respect of the shares of M/s. Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. has been filed against M/s. Nariman Point Building Services and Trading Pvt. Ltd. and its directors, two partners of the firm, namely, Trades and Services and M/s. Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. and its directors.

Investigations into the tenders floated by ONGC and GAIL

1257. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigations into the two tenders floated by the ONGC and Gas Authority of India Limited where a substantial amount of money was paid by Sumitomo Corporation, Japan to Jyotsna Holding Private Ltd. and Eljay Consultants Private Limited, England, to get the contract has been completed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Necessary enquiries were made by ONGC and GAIL regarding the payments made to M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Ltd. GAIL/ ONGC have been advised to obtain legal advice in this regard.

Off-shore drilling platforms

1258. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of new off-shore drilling platforms planned for the next plan period;

(b) what are the proposed locations for such platforms; and

(c) what is the estimated capital out lay thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The number and other details of the new offshore platform for the next plan will be known only after the 8th Five Years Plan is finalised.

Indigenous production of oil drilling platforms

1259. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous production of off-shore oil drilling platforms in the country has been undertaken;

(b) if so, which are the public sector and private sector undertakings capable of manufacturing such platforms;

(c) whether it is Government's policy to buy platforms from indigenous manufacturers for the next plan period; and

(d) what is the comparative price of imported platforms and indigenous platforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Mazagon Dock Ltd. and M/s. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. have the capability to manufacture jackup rigs and drillships respectively. M/s. Mazagon Docks Ltd., M/s. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. and M/s Burn Standard Co. Ltd. have developed capability to manufacture off-shore platforms. There is no unit in the private sector for the manufacture of these platforms.

(c) Efforts are made to utilise the indigenous capacity to the maximum extent. ONGC has also taken the initiative to encourage the indigenous yards to form a consortium for optimum utilisation of indigenous capacity and expertise.

(d) Generally the prices of indigenous manufacturers tend to be higher than the imported ones, and Government have adopted a policy of price preference for indigenous manufacturers.

Approval of Talcher Super Thermal Power Station

1260. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the giant Talcher Super Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project and the cost thereof; and

(c) whether the World Bank has approved any assistance; if so, what are the details thereof and what financial arrangements have been made for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in the Dhenkanal district of Orissa with a capacity of 1000 MW (2x500 MW) in the first stage. The latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1480.85 crores, including Rs. 76.81 crores for the associated transmission system.

(c) Financial assistance to the extent of US $ 375 million will be extended by the World Bank for the project. Assistance of about Rs. 230 crores is expected to be available from bilateral sources. The balance requirement would be met by the N.T.P.C.